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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER RUMOR

1. SUMMARY. THE SECRETARY MET WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER RUMOR IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 22. TALKS FOCUSED ON
CYPRUS, THE MIDDLE EAST, PORTUGAL, US-EC RELATIONS, AND
ITALIAN MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. CYPRUS. RUMOR SAID THAT THE TURKS BELIEVE THE LACK OF
PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WAS DUE TO (A) THE EMBARGO AND (B)
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THE ABSENCE OF ANY REALISTIC GREEK CYPRIOT COUNTERPROPOSALS

FOR A BIZONAL SYSTEM. THE UN SHOULD FIND A WAY TO ASSURE A SOLUTION FOR THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF CYPRUS AND FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE BIZONAL CONTEXT. FIRST, HOWEVER, RUMOR SAID, EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED AND THE IMPORTANT TURKISH ELECTIONS MUST TAKE PLACE. US AND EC SHOULD THEN WEIGH IN. THE SECRETARY AGREED WITH RUMOR'S ANALYSIS.

3. MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO RUMOR, THE EC WAS AGREED THAT ALL POSSIBLE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT BE CHanneLED THROUGH THE EC FRAMEWORK.

4. AS FOR THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE ME, RUMOR INDICATED THAT HIS EC COLLEAGUES WERE DISPOSED TO DO MORE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 1973 DECLARATION, E.G., DEMONSTRATE MORE FLEXIBILITY ON A POLITICAL PROGRAM AND NOT TO REJECT A PRIORI A POLITICAL ASPECT TO THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NECES-SITY OF SUCH POLITICAL ACTIONS, RUMOR ADDED THAT THE EC WAS NOT INCLINED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME AND REMAINED OPEN-MINDED ON THE ISSUE. AS FOR THE EC TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE ARABS, RUMOR SAID THEY WOULD START IN NOVEMBER, ADDING THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE EC MEM-BERS WOULD LIMIT THEMSELVES TO TECHNICAL MATTERS.

5. PORTUGAL. RUMOR SAID THE EC IS RATHER SATISFIED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND DESPITE THEIR EARLIER PRU-DENCE, EC MEMBERS NOW BELIEVED THAT EVENTS THERE MIGHT BE GIVEN A PUSH. SPECIFICALLY, A PORTUGUESE REQUEST TO THE EC FOR ASSISTANCE WOULD RECEIVE A POSITIVE REPLY. FOR THE EC, THE INVESTMENT SECTOR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT, AND THE EC UP TO NOW HAS FOCUSED ON CREDIT FACILITIES.

6. RUMOR CONTINUED THAT THE PORTUGUESE HAVE ASKED THE EC FOR ABOUT 100 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. MOST COMMUNITY MEMBERS THOUGHT THAT HALF THAT AMOUNT WAS MORE REASONABLE AND THAT IT MIGHT BEST BE USED FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. AS FOR U.S. VIEWS ON THE AID QUESTION, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. BELIEVED THAT THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING PROGRESS BUT THAT AID DONORS SHOULD

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ENCOURAGE MODERATES NOT TO RELAX THEIR EFFORTS TO GET COMMUNISTS OUT OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY.

7. US-EC RELATIONS. RUMOR NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREAS-INGLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE. WHILE HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THE SIDES SHOULD KEEP EACH OTHER MUTUALLY INFORMED.

8. ITALY. RUMOR WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EARLY ELECTIONS IN ITALY AND NO HISTORIC COMPROMISE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. ON THIS, HE SAID, ALL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WERE AGREED.

9. AS FOR 'S. ASSISTANCE TO ITALY, RUMOR UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORT FOR THE ITALIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR PROGRAM AND THE ITALIAN DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED PIPE LINE IN SAUDI ARABIA. THE SECRETARY NOTED U.S. SYMPATHY FOR ITALIAN PROBLEMS AND INDICATED THAT THE U.S., TO THE EXTENT IT COULD, WOULD SEEK TO BE HELPFUL.

10. RUMOR ALSO SAID THAT A WORLD "DIRECTORATE" EXCLUDING ITALY WOULD BE FATAL FOR ITALY. HE NOTED THAT IF THERE WERE A FINANCIAL SUMMIT WITH POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESENCE OF ITALY WOULD BE INDISPENSABLE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO RUMORS OF A MEETING OF EXPERTS, AND SAID THE ITALIANS HAVE A GREAT MAN, OSSOLA, WHO COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO RUMOR'S REFERENCE TO REPORTS OF A SEPTEMBER 5 QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN NEW YORK, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN A FORMAL OR SIGNIFICANT EVENT AND THAT IT STOOD TO REASON THAT THE FOUR COULD NOT DISCUSS ITALY WITHOUT ITALY PRESENT.

11. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE VISIT BY DE MARTINO TO THE UNITED STATES, RUMOR SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SLEEP ON IT BEFORE REPLYING. INGERSOLL

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